

39. (new) The method of transporting a length of hose to an area only wide enough to allow passage of a skid steer of claim 38, further comprising the step of:

attaching a rotary union to a nonsealed end of said axle.

R E M A R K S

Applicants have carefully considered the above identified Office Action, and in response thereto are addressing each issue raised by the examiner in the remarks hereinbelow. In this regard, applicants are canceling without prejudice claims 23, 30 and 36; and amending claims 20, 28 and 35.

Claim Rejections 35 USC 103

Applicants have amended claims 20, 28 and 35 by adding a hose guide having one end extending from a *bottom* of the reel frame and a pulley pivotally retained on the other end of the hose guide. The Egerstrom patent teaches the use of a telescoping operated extension unit 72 to move an end of a charging hose 44. The telescoping operated extension unit 72 is mounted on a *top* of the hose feeding winch 10. The telescoping operated extension unit 72 does not include a pulley, but uses a complicated nose device 98 to guide the hose 44.

C O N C L U S I O N

It is respectfully submitted that applicants have responded in a fully satisfactory manner to all matters at issue in this application, and this application is now in condition for allowance. In this regard, applicants have made every effort to comply with the requirements set forth in this Office Action as well as statutory requirements. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter this amendment, allow the claims, and pass this application on to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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